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1. [redacted] Lavrentiy P. Beriya was Deputy Chief of the Council of Ministers and Chief of the First Chief Directorate of the Council of Ministers (FCD/CM).<sup>4</sup> This directorate was in charge of atomic energy affairs and was still in existence up to the end of 1953.

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2. The cover of the Soviet atomic energy program was the Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building (Ministerstvo Selskokhozyaystvennogo Mashinostroyeniya).<sup>1</sup>

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[redacted] this ministry had been organized, liquidated, and then reorganized

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The Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building was subordinate to the Council of Ministers and also subordinate to the FCD of the Council of Ministers.

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[redacted] the Chief of Personnel was an MVD man.

3. The Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building had plants and laboratories which were used for atomic energy purposes, but it did not control all aspects of the atomic energy program. It played a secondary role to the FCD/CM; that is, it prepared materials used in the production of atomic energy and perhaps materials for construction of power stations and the mining of ore.

4. [redacted] the MVD was in charge of many persons who worked in the FCD. MVD members who work in the FCD are on the MVD reserve list.

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[redacted] In the course of a discussion in 1952 about the Gouzenko case, Yevgeniy I. Kovalev (Chief of the Austro-German Section of the intelligence directorate of the MGB) stated that, if the Soviets had not stolen as much information from America and Canada as they had, the atomic bomb still would not have been built.

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7. [redacted] no specific information as to what procedure is used to channel atomic energy information obtained by the MVD or GRU to the necessary institutes, laboratories, or scientists. Such information [redacted] would be given a preliminary evaluation as to content and accuracy and would then be sent to the Information Section (Informatsionnyy Otdel) of the SCD/MVD, where there is an individual attached from the Scientific-Technical Intelligence Section (Otdel Nauchnoy-Tekhnicheskoy Razvedki) of the SCD/MVD. This individual [redacted] has some connection with scientific circles and apparently has had to contact them on several occasions. The SCD/MVD itself does not have any specialists who can work out the formulae. [redacted] if the information was considered of value after its initial screening by the Information Section, it would be sent to the CC of the CPSU, which would then make a decision as to how and to whom it should be disseminated.

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8. [redacted] occasionally a member of the MVD, when conversing with one scientist or another, will try to elicit those fields of information which are of greatest interest at a particular time, so that MVD agencies can direct their efforts along particular lines. The question of coordinating technical requirements with operations was once discussed in the SCD/MVD, and a paper was written stating that Soviet intelligence considered that it would be in the best interests of the country if all interested agencies would submit their questions to Soviet intelligence, and if a coordinating body, possibly in the Central Committee, would indicate the direction which intelligence production should take.

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9. [redacted] Soviet intelligence officers who work in scientific-technical intelligence have some scientific training and that there are scientific consultants available to the MVD who give lectures on specific subjects.

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[redacted] there had been [redacted] a directorate or section in the MVD responsible for atomic energy matters, but [redacted] its functions were transferred to the MGB in 1950. Section "K" was created within the MGB at that time to handle this problem.

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11. The mission of Section "K" was to conduct counterintelligence activities within the atomic energy enterprises and to make sure no leaks took place in the atomic energy program. It was a separate section directly under the MGB Minister. Colonel Pisarev was its chief from 1951 to 1953, and his deputy was

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a Colonel Ivanov. [redacted] It should be noted that Section "K" was in the MVD as of 1953.

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12. [redacted] the only 9th Directorate of the MGB [redacted] was responsible for the resettlement of groups of people and had no connection with the atomic energy program.

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[redacted] Prior to 1952 some of the atomic laboratories and the Academy of Sciences were guarded by the Chief Guards Directorate of the MGB. These installations were turned over to the MGB Internal Troops after June 1952. The Chief Guards Directorate had used officers for the guarding of such installations and later used sergeants and re-enlistees (sverkhstrochniki). At the present time, atomic installations are probably guarded by Internal Troops of the MVD, whose function it is to guard the physical security of such installations. [redacted]

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it was possible that Spets Stroy had something to do with atomic energy. It was located in the suburbs of Moscow, and belonged to either the War or Navy Ministry.

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Comments:

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1. In earlier reports the Ministry of Medium Machine Building was the cover for the Soviet atomic energy program.

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2. The abbreviation SCD/MVD as used throughout this report refers to the organizational component of the Soviet security services known as the Second Chief Directorate of the MVD from March 1953 to March 1954. Intelligence collecting is believed, as of the present time, to be the function of the First Chief Directorate of the KGB. The GRU is now the RU.
3. [redacted] this was the Ninth Directorate of the MVD, which existed prior to 1950 when it appeared to be phasing out. It is not the Ninth MVD Directorate which existed from March 1953 to March 1954.
4. [redacted] Beriya was never Chief of the First Chief Directorate but was charged with overall responsibility for the entire atomic energy program, for only part of which the FCD was responsible.

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